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Happy Hanukkah!

2018 Tree Lighting Ceremony Celebrates 80th Anniversary

by Camila Velloso

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Greenbelt community members gathered at Roosevelt Center on a wintry Friday evening, November 30, to watch Greenbelt's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. This year marks the 80th anniversary of this popular holiday tradition.

To commemorate the occasion, the recreation department decided to hand out something unique to attendees to make the experience as authentic as possible. "We went back to what they did that first year," said Greg Varda, assistant director of recreation programs. "They gave out oranges instead of candy canes because 80 years ago it was really special to get a piece of fruit."

City departments, Roosevelt Center merchants and volunteer organizations collaborated to make the tree lighting event possible, said performing arts coordinator Chris Cherry.



Corita Waters and her mother, Elaine Jones, enjoy the tree lighting.

In keeping with tradition, the evening featured a musical performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band's brass choir, a visit from Santa who arrived

in a firetruck provided by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and a free movie showing

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Council Discusses Greenbelt Legislative Agenda for 2019

by Gary Childs

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What are the most important issues the City of Greenbelt would want its county and state representatives to press for in 2019 legislative sessions? Out of 20 or more important issues, what would council select as the top five? Council considered this question at its November 26 regular meeting.

Assistant City Manager David Moran discussed with council preparations for the annual legislative dinner, scheduled for December 17. The legislative dinner is an event at which Greenbelt's council and city officials meet

with elected officials who represent Greenbelt at Prince George's County Council and at the Maryland statehouse. Last year, council presented a list of 17 items as priorities. Moran said that city staff strongly suggested a shorter list this year because "it is better to present a concise, manageable package of initiatives to our state and county representatives." This year, they are going to present a small number of issues at the legislative dinner. Those five core issues that city staff put together for council are:

- Oppose Maryland's take-over and privatization of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway:

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Marvelous Art and Craft Fair Opens the Holiday Season

by William Pitts



Ornaments brighten the Community Center gym during the Art and Craft Fair

PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Freezing rain and dismal weather throughout the weekend didn't deter Greenbelters from coming together to attend the 47th annual Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair this past Saturday and Sunday. This year, the Greenbelt Community Center showcased the work of 75 skilled artists, craftsmen and filmmakers from the area, more than one-third of whom were first-timers at the event. All entries were selected in September by a rigorous jury review process.

The festival provided opportunity for local artists to put a wide assortment of creations on display, from custom leather wallets to natural beeswax candles, from Purple Kiln's glass sculptures to Charlene Clark's still-life paintings of vintage everyday objects. Among the works Clark displayed at the festival were Fan - Turquoise Zero and Royal Typos, depicting an electric fan and a typewriter, respectively – the latter of which she sold.

Others found ways to turn old forms of expression into new, such as Martina Sestakova, who designs fabrics out of photographs and paintings.

"I teach a lot of art classes in the area, and one of them [is] about how to use 3D fabric paint to create a mandala," said Sestakova. "I [also] take photos and create patterns out of them, and I've used other people's photos to design the patterns."

Many of the vendors at the Festival welcomed the opportunity to display their wares to a wider audience. Karen Arrington, operator of Friday Night Potters, was one of them.

"All of us here, we all have other jobs," said Arrington. "It's really hard to become a full-time potter. It's a lot of work, so a lot of us are just doing it as a hobby. Most potters who are like us . . . first you give [your pottery] as gifts, then you have way too

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Cautious Optimism Prevails For Redo of Beltway Plaza

by Kathleen Gallagher

On November 14, the Greenbelt City Council met with Marc "Kap" Kapastin, general counsel for Quantum Companies which is the owner of Beltway Plaza, and representatives of the team working with him to revise a Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) for the redevelopment of the shopping center. The CSP has languished in the offices of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) since 2006.

At that time, the proposal

went before the County Planning Board with no support from the City of Greenbelt and a public hearing ended in a tie vote. At the recent worksession, however, it appeared that a decade may have made a difference to the potential for redeveloping the site in a way that would benefit not only the owners but the city as a whole.

Attending with Kapastin were Alex Villegas and Matthew Leakan of Rodgers Consulting, Inc.

and Matthew Tedesco, the attorney for the project, who is with McNamee Hosea. A builder for the project has not yet been selected.

The audience comprised about 20 people. Among them were members of the city's Advisory Planning Board and GreenACES, which had reviewed and

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What Goes On

Monday, December 10 8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, December 12 8 p.m., Council Worksession, Citywide Fiber Network; City Manager Update

Holiday Events
Saturday, December 8 10 a.m. to Noon, Santa's Visit, Pre-k plus, Youth Center
1 to 3 p.m., Elves Workshop, Ages 6 to 12, Youth Center (there is a fee)
Sunday, December 9 3 p.m., Greenbelt Concert Band, Community Center
Tuesday, December 11 to Thursday, December 13 6 to 7:30 p.m., North Pole Calling, ages Pre-school – 2nd Grade, Free. See city ad on page 5 for details

Rise Against Hunger



PHOTO BY KYLA HAMINGTON

Kennedy Washington and Reese Muse prepare to weigh bagged meals at the Rise Against Hunger event at Mowatt Methodist Church on December 1. See story on page 12.

Editorial

Our Carriers Bring Holiday Greetings


With a December issue of the newspaper, the Greenbelt News Review distributes an envelope that requests tips for carriers. Place a tip in the envelope, stamp it and mail it to the carrier’s address on the front of the envelope. If you write a check, make it out to the carrier – not the newspaper. All tips go directly to the carriers.

Though they are paid a nominal sum each week, this extra token of appreciation means a lot to our carriers. Their tips and pay teach the younger ones about how to work, maintain a good attitude and manage money. Carrier families with multiple routes find the income a real boost.

It is notable that many of Greenbelt’s carriers become highly productive adults, taking this positive first work-world experience with them into success in later years. If your carrier is especially meticulous and reliable, delivers promptly and dependably and protects the newspaper from wind and rain, let them know how much they are appreciated.

One name not on an envelope this year is John ‘Doc’ Henry Jones, who retired from his carrier post. He walked the footpaths and dropped off the News Review for decades, involving his family in the effort and greeting all with good cheer. He was perhaps the oldest newspaper carrier in the United States – having recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

In the past two years, the News Review has improved its delivery service. Credit for this is due to Karen Yoho, whose guidance keeps the operation on track. Delivery staff Alan Burt and Amina Khalifa and her grandson Alexander are key links who supply carriers and fill boxes and racks. The News Review wishes to thank everybody involved for doing a great job, caring about the community and braving heat, cold and wet conditions to bring residents their papers.



Letters to the Editor

Support the Co-op

I really appreciate the presence of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy. I can’t imagine a Greenbelt city center without it and it pains me to see that they are struggling financially. My initial response has been to try to shop there as much as I can.

As I was standing in line the other day I had a thought. If asked to “round up” my purchase to support a new roof for the Co-op, I would be very likely to say yes! Perhaps the Co-op board would consider a program where patrons can elect to round up to the nearest \$0.10, \$0.25, \$0.50, or \$1.00 to support something that is valuable to our community. Some patrons, according to their abilities, may even be willing to round up to the nearest \$5 or \$10. Or even add \$___ to their bill to support the cooperative roof. This seems like a great way to provide all patrons an opportunity to support this great resource

at a level that matches each individual’s ability to contribute.

Tom LeaMond
President, New Deal Café
Board of Directors

Will Royal Farms Come to Greenbelt?

In the News Review dated August 16, there was mention that Royal Farms was considering building near the Capital Cadillac on Greenbelt Road.

I think that is great news and would love to see that happen.

Besides having great fried chicken that rivals KFC and Pop-eye’s, their gas prices average 30 cents less or more in savings than the two gas stations old Greenbelt has to offer.

Competitive gas prices are good, especially for our seniors who live on a budget.

What is the update on having Royal Farms come to Greenbelt?

Terry Burchick

On Screen

A Brand New Triple Play

Three more new movies come to Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, December 7: Boy Erased, Maria by Callas and Becoming Astrid.

Written and directed by Joel Edgerton, **Boy Erased**, based on Garrard Conley’s memoir of the same name, stars Lucas Hedges as Jared Eamons, a gay Arkansas college student whose genuinely loving parents (Nicole Kidman and Russell Crowe) send him to a conversion therapy program, Love in Action, run by the sinister Victor Sykes (Joel Edgerton). Hedges, Kidman and Crowe give nuanced, sympathetic performances.

R rated, 1 hour 54 min

Maria by Callas

Maria by Callas is a documentary written and directed by French photographer and Callas obsessive Tom Volf. The diva of divas, the 20th century’s most celebrated soprano is shown singing, getting off and on airplanes, getting romanced (Onassis) and even losing weight.

113 minutes, Not Rated

Becoming Astrid

Directed and co-written by Pemille Christensen, **Becoming Astrid** tells the story of Swedish children’s author Astrid Lindgren (over 100 books including Pippi Longstocking.) Rebellious, quirky, precocious, word-loving Lindgren (Alba August) had to deal with an unexpected pregnancy long before she became famous.

2 hours, 3 minutes, Not Rated

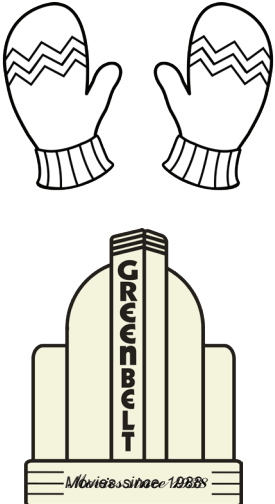
- Jim Link

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MARIA BY CALLAS: IN HER OWN WORDS (PG) (DVS) (CC) (2017) (113 mins)

Fri. 7:30 PM
Sat 5:00 PM
Sun. 3:00 (OC) PM
Mon. 2:30 PM
Tues. 5:00 PM
Wed. 5:00 PM
Thurs. 7:30 PM

BECOMING ASTRID (NR) (2018) (123 mins) (Swedish w/subtitles)

Fri. 2:30 PM
Sat. 1:30 PM
Sun. 5:30 PM
Mon. 5:00 PM
Tues. 7:30 PM
Wed. 2:30 PM
Thurs. 5:00 PM

BOY ERASED (R) (DVS) (CC) (2018) (115 mins)

Fri. 5:00 PM
Sat. 7:30 PM
Sun. 8:00 PM
Mon. 7:30 PM
Wed. 7:30 PM

THE LION IN WINTER (PG) (1968) (DVS) (137 mins)

Sun. 12:00 PM

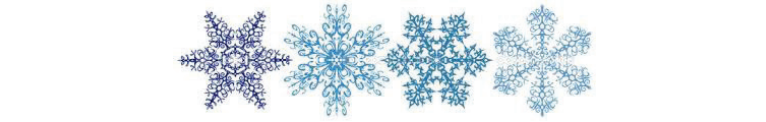
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Pete Reppert




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Community Events

At the Library

Senior Computer Club: YouTube Basics. Monday, December 10, 1:30 p.m. YouTube is the most popular online video streaming service in the world. Come learn about channels, subscriptions, playlists and uploading videos to YouTube. Registration is required; space is limited to six participants. Call the branch to register at 301-345-5800.

Teen Advisory Board. Monday, December 10, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Volunteer and work together to make the library a better place for teens by talking about books, music, movies and what you would like to see in the collection. Registration required; contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. PGCPs student participants may earn Service Learning hours. (TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons.)

Ready 2 Read Story Times. Tuesday, December 11, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people.

Wednesday, December 12, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, December 13, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 30 people.

Bibliobop Dance Party. Saturday, December 15, 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. Calling all preschoolers and toddlers to come bust a move and shake their sillies out at the Greenbelt Bibliobop Dance Party. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop until everyone drops. This event is presented every third Saturday of each month. No registration required.

Read to Rover. Saturday, December 15, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children ages 6 to 11 and helps them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Bring a book or choose one from the library. Each child will read for 15 minutes. This event is presented every third Saturday of each month. Registration recommended; call the branch at 301-345-5800 for more information.

Books at Bedtime. Monday, December 17, presented by the Prince George’s County Infants and Toddlers Program, 6:30 p.m., for ages newborn to 3, limit 20 people. Families are encouraged to come start their bedtime routines with us. This is an opportunity for children under three –especially those with special needs – along with their family and friends, to participate in story time, music and motor activities. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets on the day of the event. (This special story time will continue monthly through Monday, May 20, 2019.)

ERHS Band Concert Thursday, Dec. 13

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School bands will give a concert on Thursday, December 13 at 7 p.m. in the school Auditorium. The Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Chamber Wind Ensembles will perform under the direction of Rachel Zephir. The concert is free and open to the public.

Democratic Club Party December 14

On Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m., the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club’s holiday party featuring the installation of the new board of directors will be held at the Greenbriar Community Building. Recently elected Prince George’s County State’s Attorney Aisha Braveboy will swear in the board.

Nicole Williams was re-elected to serve as president. Katy Pape, Joyce Fitzgerald, Matt Inzeo and Konrad Herling were elected vice presidents. Austin Henry will continue to serve as treasurer, and Bob Doyle will be in charge of the club’s membership. Ryan Bradley will serve as corresponding secretary, but remaining open is the position of recording secretary. Pat Witersky will serve as sergeant-at-arms, and Sara Henry, Lyn Doyle and Daryl Pennington will serve on the hospitality committee.

The social gathering will take place after the business meeting has been adjourned. Members and guests are asked to bring food and non-alcoholic drinks or to make a contribution to support the costs incurred to pay for refreshments.

For more information, call Nicole Williams at 202-321-4207 or check the club’s web page: rooseveltclub.com.

Computer Club Meets

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, December 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Community Center. Everyone is welcome to the discussions about the latest in computers, tablets and consumer electronics. Basic trouble-shooting advice for Windows computers and some for Apple iPad and iPhone is available.



Planning Underway For Girls Troop 214

The Boy Scouts of America has announced its new Scouting BSA program open to boys and girls ages 11 to 17 starting in February 2019. In preparation for the local BSA program roll-out, eleven local area parents, including three former Cubmasters of Greenbelt’s Pack 202, have held parent planning meetings for the formation of the new all-girls Troop 214. The girls troop will parallel the existing, well-established boys Troop 214.

The next parent only planning meeting will take place on Thursday, December 6 at 7 p.m. at the back entrance of the Prince George’s County Elks Lodge at 6700 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale.

The first girls Troop 214 scout recruitment meeting will take place on December 18 at 7 p.m., meeting at the same time as the boys troop. All prospective scouts (boys and girls) are welcome to attend this recruitment/information event. Weekly troop meetings will be Tuesdays starting in February 2019.

For more information about the formation of the girls Troop 214, contact ScoutsBSAtroop214GT@gmail.com.

GIVES Has Holiday Celebration

On Saturday, December 8, Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will have its quarterly meeting and holiday celebration at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. This meeting and celebration is open to all Greenbelt people who are interested in being part of a group that works to help one another and keep the spirit of Greenbelt alive and well.

The gathering will begin with a short business meeting, followed by a potluck sharing celebration. It will be appreciated by all if those attending bring something to share, but it is not necessary to do so. All are welcome. It would be helpful for those planning to bring food to let Jean Cook (301-345-2597) know so that we can have a variety of food. Come and enjoy.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of December 10 are as follows:

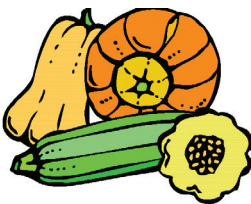
Monday, December 10: Beef with peppers and onions, lima beans, stewed tomatoes, wheat roll, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Tuesday, December 11: All sites closed.

Wednesday, December 12: Breaded pollock, battered fries, broccoli, wheat hamburger bun, fresh fruit and grape juice.

Thursday, December 13: Sliced roast beef with gravy, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, dinner roll, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

Friday, December 14: All sites closed.



Photos at New Deal With Santa Paws

On Saturday, December 15, 1 to 3 p.m., WAGS (The Well-wishers of the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter) will present Photos with Santa Paws on the patio at the New Deal Café. All social, friendly, leashed pets are welcome. Pets must be leashed at all times and are not permitted into the Café.

Free Book Reading For Children at Mall

Actress and dancer Phoebe Coleman will do a free children’s book reading on Saturday, December 8 from 3 to 4 p.m. at Beltway Plaza. The reading will take place in The Space, located across from the AMC movie theater.

Thoughtful Discussion Group at MakerSpace

This week’s topic is to consider whether sadness is a useful human emotion. The discussion may take a number of directions. One direction may address grieving as a way of handling loss; another possibility up for consideration is that sadness is a leftover emotion like an appendix that humans don’t really need any more. Just show up on Tuesday, December 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at MakerSpace.

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“One River, Many Relations” (2015)
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HELP NEEDED – STAGE ROTATION – Sat, Dec 8 – 10:00 am
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Come Celebrate Hanukkah At Mishkan Torah Synagogue

Jeffrey Rosen

This week, Jews throughout the world are celebrating the eight-days of Hanukkah. This joyous festival, nicknamed the Festival of Lights because of the nightly lighting of candles, commemorates the victory of the Jewish people led by the Maccabee family against the occupying Greek-Syrian army during approximately the second century BCE (Before the Common Era) and the rededication of the ruined and profaned Temple in Jerusalem. Mishkan Torah Synagogue will hold its own Hanukkah celebration at the synagogue on Sunday, December 9, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., the eighth and final night of the festival.

The program will include lighting the Hanukkah candles and attendees are encouraged to bring their own candles and menorahs. A light meal will be

served including the traditional Hanukkah latkes (potato pancakes). There will be entertainment and songs as well.

The gala night will also celebrate the birthday of beloved octogenarian and Greenbelt resident Jordan Choper, who has been a member of Mishkan Torah since 1962 and a bulwark of the synagogue, serving previously as its president, among other positions. There will be a small charge at the door. The event is open to the public and all are welcome to come celebrate. One does not have to be Jewish to share the fun and joy of the season of Hanukkah or its universal message of religious freedom. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. For more information visit the website mishkantorah.org or call 301-474-4223.

Greenbelt Unplugged Holiday Caroling

Join your friends and neighbors to celebrate the season in harmony (or as close as we can get) as we gather to sing on Sunday, December 16 at 3 p.m. We will meet at the Youth Center Multipurpose Room. Practice for an hour or so, then put the show on the road by visiting local businesses and organizations.

The event will be led by local musician and teacher Melissa Sites.

For more information visit greenbeltunplugged.org.

Christmas Cantata

On Friday, December 14 at 7 p.m., Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, will present their annual Christmas cantata, God Came Near: The Miracle and Majesty of Christmas by Tom Fette and Max Lucado. An age-old story told in modern cadence, it will be an evening to be enjoyed by family and friends. Light refreshments will be offered following the program. There is no fee. Call the church at 301-474-9410 for more information.



Greenbelt honors the memory of President George H.W. Bush.

PHOTO BY TIM UBER



Beauty in a single blade of grass

PHOTO BY CYNTHIA CUMMINGS

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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"Use Your Words"

Dr. Pippin Whitaker, Guest Minister; with Paul Wester, Worship Associate;

In a divisive political and social environment, talking about what really matters is challenging. At the same time, discussing divisive issues and naming oppression is important to building a shared future. In this service, we will reflect on how we use our words to transform the world, especially when it is challenging.

Mishkan Torah Congregation
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City Information & Events

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Municipal Building, Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations
(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meeting

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

- * Board of Elections Report #18-1, (Recommendation to Amend Chapter 8 “Elections” Section of the City Code)
- Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) Report 2018-2 (Community Pledge)

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Amend Article I “In General” and Article II “Campaign Contributions and Expenditures” of Chapter 8, “Elections” of the Greenbelt City Code- 2nd Reading, Adoption
- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5 of the City Code to add a new Chapter 5A, titled “Franchises and Permits for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities” and to amend Chapter 18 of the City Code by adding a new Division 6, titled “Minimum Requirements for Occupation of Rights-of-Way” to comply with Federal and State law - 1st Reading, Suspension of Rules, Adoption
- A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, “Corporation-Municipal,” Subtitle “Home Rule” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 16(a), Titled “Appointments” to Expand the Number of Members (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2018-1) - 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Approval of Revised ICMA Retirement Corporation (ICMA-RC) Plan Agreement
- Conditional acceptance of the Greenbelt Station South Core Central Park
- Results of 2017 Community Questionnaire
- Employee Reclassifications
- COG 2019 Committee and Board Appointments
- Council Activities
- Council Reports

SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 10-14

Monday, December 10 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Rd. *On the Agenda:* Youth Forum schedule update, Youth Higher Learning Prep, YAC Awareness advocacy projects, Advisory Committee Liaison Reports, . Crime Prevention, January Meet and Greet at GAFC, New Year’s Eve volunteers – Larry Hilliard, Youth Advisory encouragement letters to neighboring municipalities

Monday, December 10 at 7:00pm **COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION**, (See notice on this page)

Monday, December 10 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at www.greenbelt-md.gov/municipaltv*

Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd, (library). *On the Agenda:* Planning for Principals’ Meeting (January 22, 2019), Grants Review, AOB

Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Room 114. *On the Agenda:* Discussion of Proposed Redevelopment Plans for Beltway Plaza

Wednesday, December 12 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: City-Wide Fiber Network/City Manager Updates (tentative)** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

Thursday, December 13 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD** at Schrom Hills Park Meeting Room, 6915 Hanover Parkway. *On the Agenda:* Approval of Minutes, Community Feedback, Petition on Police Use of Military Equipment, Feedback on Police Youth Forum, 2019 Meeting Schedule and other matters as time permits. This agenda is subject to change.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee of Education, Community Relations Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000

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Emergency Assistance Fund: funds assist Greenbelt residents at-risk of eviction.

Advisory Committee on Education (ACE): funds initiatives such as ACE scholarships.

The Greenbelt Theater: funds help keep the theater open.

Spay and Neuter Clinic Agency Fund: funds used to purchase supplies and equipment to perform cat and dog neuters.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, December 10th, 2018, in the Library of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the performance evaluation of the City Manager.

***The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Monday, December 10th, 2018 at 7:00 pm.**

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

SANTA’S VISIT

Ages Pre-K+, Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway
Saturday, December 8
10:00am-12:00pm
Santa has fit time into his busy holiday schedule! All children will receive a FREE picture with Santa!

ELVES’ WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 8, 1:00pm-3:00pm; \$10 per person
139502-1, Ages 6-12, Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway, 301-397-2200
Pre-registration is required. Spend the afternoon with Santa’s Elves creating holiday crafts and treats.

NORTH POLE CALLING

Tuesday, December 11 - Thursday, December 13, 6:00pm-7:30pm
Ages pre-school through second grade – FREE
Santa and his helpers will make a special call to your home to check whether your kids are being naughty or nice. Complete the informational flyer available online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation and throughout City facilities for your child’s opportunity to chat.

GREENBELT CONCERT BAND HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONCERT

Sunday, December 9, 3:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center Gym, 15 Crescent Road
Hear all your holiday favorites, played live by the members of your community band, under the direction of Joan Rackey.

SHOP WITH A COP

The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police is proud to announce that their annual “Shop with a Cop” will take place Saturday December 22nd at the Target Store located in Beltway Plaza.

This program partners needy children from the community with Greenbelt Police Officers allowing the children to purchase Christmas presents for themselves as well as family members. Each child is allotted a budget of \$200 and is accompanied by Greenbelt Police Officers and department volunteers to make their purchases. The children are then brought back to a “present wrapping” party where they can enjoy lunch while they wrap their gifts. The children are selected to participate through nominations by their elementary school.

This will be our 12th year conducting “Shop with a cop” and to date have been able to assist over 225 children with the program.

The program is funded through corporate sponsorship and community donations. Donations to fund this program are accepted by mailing them to; Greenbelt FOP PO Box 94 Greenbelt Md. 20768 or dropping them by the Police Station in an envelope marked Greenbelt FOP/Shop with a Cop. For further information, feel free to contact Scott Kaiser at 301-474-7200 or at Skaiser@greenbeltmd.gov.

RECREATION AND PARK FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

On November 28th the final draft of the Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan was presented in a work session to City Council and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for review and comment. The public is invited to review and make comment on the plan located at www.greenbeltmd.gov/master-plan.

The City will accept comments until January 1, 2019. Comments should be sent to Joe McNeal at jmcnceal@greenbeltmd.gov. It is anticipated the final plan will be presented to City Council for final approval and adoption in early 2019.

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of Dr. Seuss’s How the Grinch Stole Christmas at Old Greenbelt Theatre to end the night.

“It is a seasonal affirmation of community and good will, featuring the appearance of Santa Claus, who embodies the Greenbelt values of kindness, generosity and special care for children,” said Cherry.

Mayor Emmett Jordan, joined by council members on stage, led the crowd in a cheerful rendition of Jingle Bells.

“It’s always a special night kicking off the holiday season,” Jordan said. “Public Works [does] an incredible job of preparing for this and the lights are so beautiful,” he added.

“This is a tradition that people look forward to for many, many weeks,” said Councilmember Judith Davis.

Children and adults alike were excited for this year’s event. “I wanted to go because a couple friends at school mentioned it

and I was so curious,” said Casey Fitzpatrick, 11, who attended the event for the first time.

“This is just so Greenbelt,” said Melanie Griffin, a resident of Greenbelt for 30 years. “I wanted to get into the Christmas spirit,” she continued.

Shobha Duncan, an attendee, marveled at the beautiful lights. “It’s like going back into Norman Rockwell land. I’m glad we got to come this year,” she said.



Santa and Mrs. Claus step off the antique firetruck to greet the crowd.



Greenbelt Community Concert Band provides music for the Tree Lighting ceremony.



The Greenbelt Museum annual Deco the Halls event shows what an early Greenbelt Christmas would look like.

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many, then you start doing small shows.”

As for the name of Friday Night Potters, Arrington has a simple explanation. “We used to always come together on Friday nights and do our pots together and so when we were trying to come up with a name...that united us all as potters...that is how we came up with that name.”

Others are veterans of the Festival of Lights, such as Lucy Pence, who has exhibited her custom-made sock monkey designs for the past nine years. Her husband, Thomas, acts as her inspiration, as she puts it – but

more practically, her sales representative.

“Sometimes I get inspired by superhero characters,” said Ms. Pence, pointing to some of her figures. “There’s a Wonder Woman. This guy is sort of like a Dwight Schrute character. But sometimes they’re inspired by friends or just people that I meet.”

Many of the vendors from the Festival teach classes during the year, including Arrington, who holds studio space in Room 302 of the Community Center as part of Greenbelt’s Artists in Residence program.



Martina Sestakova poses at her storytelling in textiles stand.



Children wait for the tree lighting and Santa's arrival.



Send Holiday Greetings

The News Review will publish holiday greetings in the December 20 issue.



New at Greenbelt Makerspace
Home School Makers! for 3-5th graders
Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:30-11:30am (starts Jan. 8)
make125.org/2018/11/home-school-makers

Hour of Code on Dec. 7
Learn coding to change the physical world
make125.org/2018/11/hour-of-code-december-7-2018

City Council Considers Pledge, Cell Towers and Safer Biking

by Gary Childs

At the November 26 regular meeting, councilmembers looked at the language of Greenbelt’s 21-year-old pledge and approved slight changes to it. They listened to first readings of proposed legislation on topics such as placement of new wireless towers and various adjustments to city election rules, and heard a petition concerning bike lane markings and signage in the Hanover Parkway corridor.

Modified City Pledge

The Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) originally drafted the pledge in 1997, the same year council voted to adopt it, and then revised it in 2001. Off and on since then, CRAB has discussed ways to make the pledge more inclusive. A year ago, council asked CRAB to review the language with the goal of council reaffirming it. The existing pledge as it has been for many years is:

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths, and races living together. By sharing together all are enriched. We pledge to foster a community which is respectful, safe, and fair for all people.

The modified pledge suggested by CRAB is:

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

Discussion of the motion hovered over concern that the language be truly diverse and representative of all Greenbelt citizens, while not becoming overly wordy or difficult to understand. Councilmember Judith Davis said that even a child should be able to understand what the pledge means. Greenbelt resident Michael Hartman raised his concern that the pledge does not use the word inclusive, even though CRAB sought to find language to convey that very concept. He also said that he didn’t think the word fair was well understood.

Council discussed these points along with others, but ultimately expressed hesitance to change CRAB’s carefully chosen language except to add the word welcoming to the last sentence: We strive to be a respectful community that is welcoming, open, accessible, safe and fair. Council voted unanimously to accept CRAB’s modified version.

Cell Towers

Council heard first readings of three legislative proposals. One involved how the city would han-

dle the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) recently enacted rules about placement of wireless communication small cell towers.

After the reading of the legislation’s proposed text, Greenbelt resident Lore Rosenthal expressed her concern about the placement of the new cell towers directly outside homes and asked if something could be done to prevent their placement. Davis said that the new small cell towers are defined as utilities, which gives wireless providers a higher level of access to rights of way. She said that the FCC had already accepted the new rules, that it is difficult to contest the FCC, and that the proposed Greenbelt ordinance seeks to mitigate negative effects of the new towers.

Two other first readings involved campaign contribution and finance reporting and other election issues, and increasing the number of members of the Greenbelt Board of Elections from five to seven.

Bicycling Upgrades

Council heard a petition from Fred Gasper with recommendations for improving bicyclist and pedestrian safety along the Hanover Parkway corridor. Instead of the usual five-minute limit for such presentations, council gave Gasper 15 minutes.

In his presentation, Gasper divided Hanover Parkway into five sections and suggested designating bicycle-only lanes, bus/right turn/bicycle-only lanes, improved lane and pedestrian crossing markings, and pedestrian crossing flashing lights. Mayor Emmett Jordan commented on the timeliness of the presentation, given that the city had released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for improving bike lane markings on Hanover Parkway. The mayor invited Gasper to include his proposals in the process once the city selects a company to do the work.



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Governor Hogan has proposed widening the Parkway with toll lanes through some type of public-private arrangement. The city opposes this effort.

- Block the maglev train routes through Greenbelt and Prince George’s County: Both proposed alignments would run through Greenbelt. This project negatively impacts Greenbelt and the county with little benefit to our residents.
- Greenbelt Road streetscape improvements: Fund the SHA Streetscape Improvement Program on Greenbelt Road (MD 193): An Urban Land Institute (ULI) Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) of regional experts met in June and issued a report.
- Children living in Greenbelt Station should attend Greenbelt schools: Children living in the new community of Greenbelt Station are assigned to Berwyn Heights Elementary, Greenbelt Middle School and Parkdale High School.
- Increase M-NCPPC funding for city recreation programs: The

New Collage Exhibit Searches Both Inward and Outward

by Nora Eckert

Upon first glance, the collages in Sylvie van Helden’s exhibit *The View Within and Without* appear to be a kaleidoscope of colors and shapes that come together in tantalizing geometric patterns. Inch closer, and see pictures of essential oils, pomegranates, leaves and chairs that make up the pieces.

These unexpected combinations of images were curated by the artist through extensive searches of Instagram using keywords such as devote, purify, or obsess for Helden’s #Mandala collection, which is now on display at the Community Center Art Gallery. The works focus on the different interpretations individuals have of these stereotypically religious words, and explore how users construct the image they want to portray to the outside world.

“I like to watch and observe. I always find it fascinating what people are willing to risk and put out there,” Helden said.

She pored over results to find Instagram images that fit her desired color palette. This was a very time-intensive part of the creation process, as some keywords returned over 60,000 images.

Through many hours of work – Helden estimated it took about a month to create one mandala – she created a series of collages inspired by her fascination with how people define their experiences on social media.

#Mandalas is joined by another Helden collection titled *The Legend of the Koi*, at the Community Center Art Gallery. Whereas the former is an examination of how people present their lives to the external world, the *Koi* is an introspective sequence of paintings through which Helden copes with the loss of her brother.

The *Legend of the Koi* is a series of six paintings that depict



Mandalas are part of Sylvie Van Helden's new exhibit in the Community Center gallery.

- Photos by Nora Eckert

an interpretation of an ancient Chinese tale about the transformation of a courageous Koi fish into a dragon after his swim up a waterfall. Helden began work on these pieces following the death of her brother to cancer in 2013, processing his difficult journey and her loss through the transformation of the koi fish.

Helden said the studio has always been a respite where she can deal with difficult emotions.

“From day to day I’m a pretty reserved person. In my studio is where I process and feel those feelings.”

Although *Legend of the Koi* came from a very painful place, Helden’s paintings transform the struggle into something positive. Viewers feel this as well. Among the comments written in the gallery attendee booklet, a message is scribbled in child’s handwriting, with a large smiley face drawn underneath: “It’s beautiful.”

Helden reflects that there is something universal about the way she uses color that resonates

with an audience, whether a child or adult. “Colors are very evocative. People respond and connect with colors,” she said.

Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor at the Community Center, said they were delighted to feature Helden’s work because of “the depths of her concept as well as the visual complexity of the pieces.”

DeWald explains they have specific goals when searching for an artist to exhibit. “We present contemporary work in diverse media. We’re always looking for work that has a strong and unique voice. I certainly felt that to be the case with Sylvie’s art.”

Helden currently lives and works in Baltimore. The Montreal native was drawn to Maryland to attend graduate school at The Maryland Institute College of Art in 2000.

The View Within and Without exhibit is open to the public Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. until January 4.



The Legend of the Koi hangs in the new exhibit in the Community Center Gallery.



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Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
November 21, 1:10 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. Two men confronted a person who was walking behind the Shell Food Mart and began punching him and took his wallet. They then fled on foot. The walker was transported to the hospital by a family member for treatment of minor injuries.

Assault
November 26, 2:17 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A nine-year-old Greenbelt youth was petitioned for assault after he allegedly assaulted three other youths, resulting in minor injuries. He is in the custody of a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Theft
November 23, 1:40 p.m., 101 Centerway. A locker at the Aquatic & Fitness Center was broken into and rummaged through but nothing was taken.

November 23, 10:10 p.m., 100 block Centerway. Property was removed from two purses at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Fraud
November 26, 12:36 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A patron of the Shell Food Mart reported that when he was there about three weeks earlier he had been approached by a man who asked him, the patron, to deposit his personal check into his, the patron's, account and give him the money. The patron agreed and recently discovered that the man's check was fraudulent and that he, the patron, was responsible for the loss.

Trespass
November 20, 8:11 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Two non-residents, both 32 years old, one a man and the other a woman, were arrested and charged with trespass after they were found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after they had been banned from the mall by agents of the property. The man was released on citation pending trial and the woman was released on citation into the custody of the Department of Corrections for an open arrest warrant.

November 22, 9:20 a.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A 33-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found at CVS Pharmacy after he had been banned by agents

of the property. He was released on citation into the custody of the Department of Corrections for open arrest warrants.

November 23, 8:04 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 28-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass and false statement after he was found on the grounds of Franklin Park Apartments after he had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

November 25, 12:05 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 31-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after he had been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released on citation into the custody of the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vehicle Crime
A 30-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle after he was located in a 2017 Volkswagen Jetta that was reported to be a rental vehicle that had not been returned. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

One vehicle was stolen from the 6000 block Greenbelt Road, a burgundy 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV with Md. tags 4DE6384.

Four tires and rims were taken from each of two vehicles, one in the 5900 block Springhill Drive and the other in the 7800 block Somerset Court.

A security lock was removed from a work van and power tools were taken in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. On Ora Glen Drive near Mandan Road, an expiration sticker was removed from a license plate.

Paint was scratched in 20 Court Ridge Road. Two tires on the same vehicle were flattened in the 7900 block Mandan Road. Windows were broken out in the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace and 7800 block Mandan Road, where a door was also dented.

An attempted robbery occurred in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, where access to the trunk was gained and an attempt made to remove a rear speaker.

Police Suggest Many Ways To Thwart Package Theft

by Jamal Williams

Online purchases have been a growing business over the past few years, an alternative way to shop for those who may not have time buy goods in brick and mortar stores. Though it is a more convenient way for people to purchase things, online shopping brings with it problems of its own, one of which is getting worse: package theft.

Package theft has been an issue that continues to grow in many areas and Greenbelt is no exception. The thefts seem to happen periodically in the metropolitan area, according to Greenbelt Public Information Liaison George Mathews. "There have been vehicles that follow UPS drivers to take packages once they leave. It is definitely a crime of opportunity," said Mathews.

However, consumers may combat the growing problem of package theft. One way is to have packages delivered to a trusted neighbor who is home during the day. This can eliminate the time packages will be sitting on the front door or stoop. Another way would be to have them delivered to his or her place of work. Another method Mathews suggests is using Amazon lockers, such as the ones near Safeway in Greenway Center. According to the Amazon website, an online shopper can simply add the locker's location to his or her address of delivery. Once the package

is delivered, the purchaser will receive a six-digit code to the locker and will have three days to pick it up.

In addition, Mathews also urges citizens to assist police by looking out for others who could be potential victims of package theft. "We are asking Greenbelt citizens that if they see a suspicious person near a person's home, to notify the police immediately."



Accident Near Library

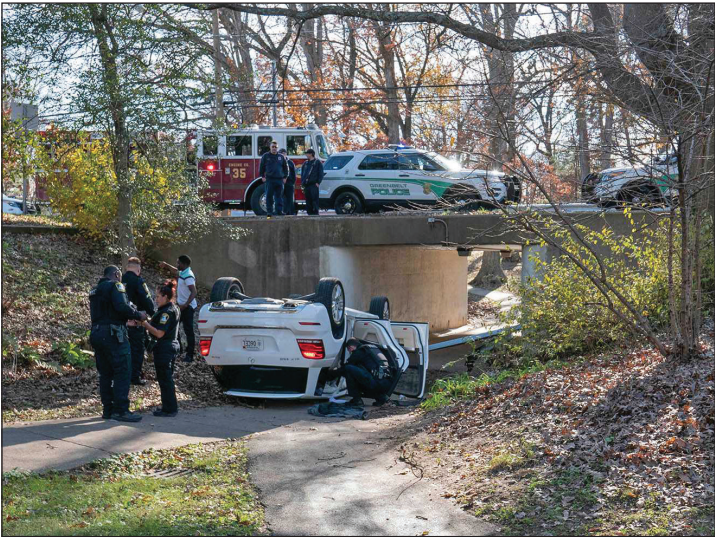


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A car plunged off the bridge by the Library underpass.

On December 3 at 1:15 p.m., Greenbelt police officers responded to a report of a vehicle collision at the pedestrian underpass near the Library. A white, Mercedes SUV had rolled over on its top on the pedestrian path below the street. According to Major Thomas Kemp of the Greenbelt police, the vehicle had been travelling past the Library when it struck a curb,

hit the guardrail, went down the embankment and flipped over. Of the two passengers in the car, one was transported to UM Prince George's Hospital Center with non-life-threatening injuries and the other received minor injuries that did not require immediate medical care. According to Kemp, no other vehicle was involved. Police are still reviewing the incident.



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Greenbelt FOP Hosts Shop With a Cop

The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police is proud to announce their annual event, Shop With a Cop, will take place Saturday, December 22 at Target in Beltway Plaza.

This program partners local children whose families are in need with Greenbelt police officers, allowing each child the opportunity to purchase Christmas presents for family members and themselves.

Participants are selected through nominations by their elementary schools. Each child is allotted a budget of \$200 and is accompanied by city officers and department volunteers as they shop. Afterward, the children are taken to a wrapping party where they can enjoy lunch, usually pizza, while they wrap their gifts. This is the 12th year the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #32 will conduct Shop With a Cop. It is funded through corporate sponsors and donations from the community. To date, over 200 children have benefited from the program.

Donations may be mailed to Greenbelt FOP, P.O. Box 94, Greenbelt, MD 20768, or dropped off at the police station in an envelope marked Greenbelt FOP/Shop with a Cop.

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commented on the project, and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, which had not yet submitted a review.

Tedesco opened by explaining that they had come not to ask for judgment on the draft CSP as such nor to ask for the city council's approval on the plan at this point. Their goal, he said, is to meet less formally with groups and organizations in the city in order to get as much feedback as possible while they are still working on the CSP. He noted that one change over the last 12 years has been the adoption in 2013 of the Greenbelt Metro Area and MD 193 Corridor Sector Plan, so they are now trying to work within that framework. The CSP is not required by law but is required by the Sector Plan. Their expectation is that within a couple of months M-NCPPC will forward the CSP to the city, at which time the developers will ask to return to talk with the city council once again.

Staff from the city's Department of Planning and Community Development have worked with Quantum since before the submission of the 2006 CSP. According to a memorandum written by Community Planner Molly Porter for the meeting, the 2006 CSP included 700 multifamily dwelling units at the rear of the site and 22,000 square-feet of commercial space. The current proposal is a mixed use, multiphase development that includes approximately 175-250 townhouses, 875-2250 multifamily units, and 435,000-700,000 square feet of commercial space.

In addition to the redevelopment of the mall included in the draft CSP, Quantum also has a broader Master Development Plan that includes property it owns on the west side of Cherrywood Lane. There it is proposed to build townhouses on the currently undeveloped part of Cherrywood

Lane between Breezewood Drive and Greenbelt Road. On the northwest corner of Cherrywood and Greenbelt Road, the developers propose to build a multifamily building with retail on the ground floor.

Strong Support

Although all the groups that had reviewed the proposal - from the city council and staff to the city boards and committees - had lists of concerns and reservations, the response to redeveloping Beltway Plaza was almost without exception strongly supportive. It was generally recognized that the commercial market is declining for shopping centers and that Quantum is looking for a long-term solution to turning that trend around for the property.

Councilmember Judith Davis set one bar for the discussion by saying that the worst scenario would be for Beltway Plaza to go out of business and that the new proposal is much better than the one the city had earlier rejected. Councilmember Leta Mach agreed, as did Councilmember Edward Putens, who added that none of the councilmembers in 2006 supported the plan.

City staff and the advisory boards, while citing significant concerns, thought the redevelopment of Beltway Plaza presented a great opportunity not only for Greenbelt West but for the city as a whole.

That support also echoes the recommendation of the Sage Advisory Group in its 2014 study to recommend strategies for economic development in Greenbelt. Sage supported going back to the plan for redeveloping Beltway Plaza with mixed-use residential development supporting the revival of the retail center. It further recommended a strong homeowner-occupied component.

The reservations presented to the developers were generally in accord across the groups and of-

ten followed the lead of the Planning Department's memorandum. Some of the objections included the following:

- Strong concern about the impact of a project this size on school and transportation capacity.
- Strong concern about the lack of large greenspaces and parkland for fields and recreation, especially given the lack of these at Greenbelt Station; open spaces were said to be too small and scattered.
- A need to review the entire project together, including the west side of Cherrywood; consider reserving that area as greenspace; consider not taking down woodland trees for construction but redeveloping only already disturbed property.
- Too many townhouses; include more diverse housing types, including senior and affordable housing.
- Pay more attention to the Greenbelt Road frontage.
- Consider building up as a way to increase greenspace on the ground.
- Incorporate the Cherrywood Lane and Green Street Projects into the plan.

Other amenities and suggestions included a shuttle to the Metro station, dog parks, architectural features and art for the blank sides of buildings, options for sustainable upgrades to residences, underpasses and overpasses, and various arts activities, including a black box theater.

In response to comments, the developers maintained there are

some large gathering spaces provided, which was not completely clear from the scale of the map. Regarding the concerns about traffic circulation, Tedesco replied that even though a traffic impact study is not required at this stage, Kapastin took the initiative to provide funds to undertake the first traffic study early, and it is now underway.

Mayor Emmett Jordan asked what proportion of the housing they expected to be sold rather than rented, but no estimates or guesses were available on that.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts did not share the optimism of others that this time it would work out well. He said the city could not support 2,000 more residences at this location. He expressed his disappointment that council's advisory groups were not more rigorously addressing the impact of so many units at that space.

On a more enthusiastic note, Franklin Park resident Ric Gordon declared the plan to be "a winner."

"I like what I see," he said. "We have to have smart growth for the future."

Councilmember Colin Byrd asked Kapastin why he was so sure this plan would work. Kapastin replied, "It's working all over," citing Fairfax Corner as an example of what they want to do. "This has to work," Kapastin said. "We can't go back."



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Volunteers Beat the Clock In Race to End World Hunger

by Kyla Hanington

On Saturday, December 1, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church hosted a Rise Against Hunger event with an ambitious goal – to package 10,000 meals in two hours. More than 60 people showed up to volunteer, packing both the space and the meals with cheerful enthusiasm.

Attendees with specific functions staffed a variety of tables. There were funnel stations where groups worked together to fill plastic bags with prepacked vitamins and measured amounts of dehydrated soy, dehydrated vegetables and rice. “Rice on top!” was the cry as they bagged, so that after runners took the bags to the weigh stations, those at the weigh stations could add or remove a little bit of rice to ensure the bags weighed exactly what they should.

From weigh stations the bags were passed across the table to sealers. Once the bags were sealed, runners took them to stations where the packaged meals were carefully boxed and the boxes sealed. A gong rang after every 1,000 meals, causing the group to break out into cheers.

Rise Against Hunger is on a mission to eradicate world hunger by 2030. Meal-packaging events, such as the one held at Mowatt, are part of how they hope to do that. As their website explains, “Rise Against Hunger meals are provided in schools to encourage increased enrollment and attendance. For adults in community empowerment programs, the provision of meals offsets productive time lost while attending training sessions. Meals distributed in hospitals and clinics may support patients’ nutritional needs and complement their treatments.”

To host a meal-packaging event, two challenges must be met. Lisa Sedares, the pianist and choir director at Mowatt, first looked into the mission of Rise Against Hunger two years ago. “It’s so cool to package meals for people and the goal of stopping hunger by 2030 is pretty great,” she said. Saturday’s event was the second Rise Against Hunger event Mowatt has hosted. She looked into what was involved to host an event and learned that each meal costs 34 cents. Hosting an event also means paying for the meals; an organization that signs up to package 10,000 meals, such as Mowatt did, also has to pay \$3,400. “We have plenty of people,” Sedares said, “but raising the money can be harder. We committed to 10,000 meals and \$3,400, and we hope to be able to grow in the future and package more.”

Mowatt Pastor Fay Lundin explained that while Mowatt is hosting, there is financial support and participation of eight cluster Methodist churches, including University United Methodist, First United Methodist of Hyattsville, Grace United Methodist, Agar Road United Methodist, Cheverly United Methodist, Good Shepherd United Methodist, and Lundin’s other congregation, College Park United Methodist. Lundin also sent notice of the event to Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association and the church used Facebook to advertise as well. “We have people here who have seen it in the News Review, on Facebook . . . the response is great!”

Participants came from all over Greenbelt as well as other parts of Maryland. Camp Springs resident Mary Wright explained that she volunteers every weekend of December, her birthday month, and she signed up to volunteer having learned about it on Facebook. Taslima and Mahfuz Rahman, who are Muslim, drove down from Columbia to volunteer. “It’s my birthday today,” explained Taslima, “and I wanted to volunteer at something that fed my soul.” Her husband had looked at the Rise Against Hunger website and learned of the upcoming event, so they signed up. “It was a pleasure, very good,” said Mahfuz of the experience.

Greenbelter Daniel Hamlin heard about the event at an interfaith Thanksgiving dinner hosted by the American Turkish Friendship Association (ATFA) and the Rumi Forum in Columbia on November 15. “They had a wonderful speaker from Rise Against Hunger – here was an opportunity to take action and only a few blocks from my house. Of course I want to participate!” he said.

Fellow Greenbelter Cheryl McNeal heard about the opportunity on Facebook. “I just decided, it’s December and I want to give back. I decided to do something more physical in addition to the financial (giving) that I normally do,” McNeal said. “It’s good to see so many people willing to help out, especially the young kids.” Bree Lopez, who acted as a runner along with sons Julian and Brandon, said they volunteered to make a difference during the holidays.

Birol Ozturk, a volunteer with ATFA in Columbia, brought his two sons, Omer and Faruk. Like Hamlin, he became aware of the event through ATFA and the Rumi Forum. Fellow attendee Mehmet Saracoglu, the Executive Director of Rumi Forum Mary-

land, explained that he’d been at Mowatt’s previous Rise Against Hunger event two years ago, and that this year the Rumi Forum had Rise Against Hunger’s Community Outreach Manager, Alex Hart, as the Keynote Speaker at their Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner. “Poverty is one of the three social ills of the world,” explained Saracoglu, “the others are ignorance and disunity. So with these social ills . . . we need to play a part in alleviating with the means we have in our hands. The social change we make can have a ripple effect around the world.”

Marcie Burroughs and Leilani McConnell, members of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Silver Spring, staffed a funnel table along with Wright and two young missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons). Of volunteering, Burroughs said, “We do it for the same reason everybody does it, to help feed people,” while McConnell explained, “It feels wonderful to help people.” Missionary Hannah Shumway explained that this was the Mormon worldwide Day of Service and that the local congregation, Carrollton Ward, chose to participate in Mowatt’s Rise Against Hunger event. Said Carrollton Ward member Anton Rytting, “This is a great way of starting off the Advent season.”

Sedares noted the diverse participants, from Greenbelt residents, to members of different faith communities, to out-of-towners who traveled to help. “It’s not a religious thing,” Sedares explained of the work, “it’s a humanitarian thing.”

To learn more about Rise Against Hunger, go to riseagainsthunger.org. Those interested in being kept informed of when next Mowatt will host a meal-packaging event can email Sedares at lmsedares@gmail.com and request they be added to her email list.



Foreground from left: Daniel Hamlin, Ellen Noll, Allendra Letsome, Pastor Sherri Wood-Powe and Findley Holland staff a station to package meals.



- Photos by Kyla Hanington

Faruk Ozturk carefully adjusts the amount of rice in a bag.



Mehmet Saracoglu stacks full boxes of meals.



From left: Cheryl McNeal, Silke Pope, Kanitta Saw and Omer Ozturk package boxes.

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